

PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q96773

Takeyoshi KANO, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/594,227

Group Art Unit: 3729

Confirmation No.: 3397

Examiner: Carl J. ARBES

Filed: September 25, 2006

For: METHOD FOR FORMING SURFACE GRAFT, METHOD FOR FORMING
CONDUCTIVE FILM, METHOD FOR FORMING METHOD PATTERN, METHOD
FOR FORMING MULTILAYER WIRING BOARD, SURFACE GRAFT MATERIAL,
AND CONDUCTIVE MATERIAL

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This responds to the Election of Species Requirement, mailed November 25, 2008. The filing of this response on Monday, December 29, 2008 is timely.

Applicant elects Species (i), (ii) and (iii) as described in Example 1 at pages 43-45 of the present specification. The election is made without traverse. All of the pending claims are generic and readable on the elected species.

The Examiner states that "In order for more than one species to be examined, the appropriate additional examination fees must be paid." The Examiner's comment is not understood and clarification is requested. It is Applicants' understanding that if the Examiner

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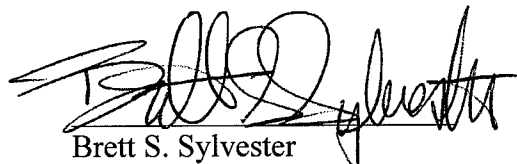
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does not find the elected species in the prior art, the Examiner's search and consideration should be broadened to additional species, with no requirement for "additional examination fees." See, e.g., MPEP § 803.02.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to any non-elected subject matter.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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